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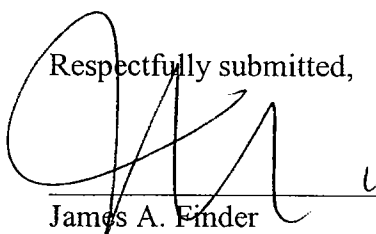
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2007, the applicants hereby elect the method invention, claims 1-4, without traverse.

In view of the cancellation of apparatus claims 5-13, please delete Shuichi YASUDA as an inventor whose invention is no longer being claimed in the present application. Credit card payment for the \$130.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is being submitted via EFS-WEB.

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